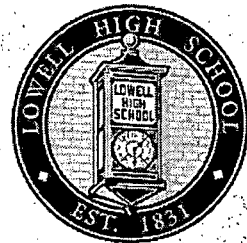


Lowell Public Schools
Lowell High School
50 Fr. Morissette Blvd
Lowell, Massachusetts 01852-1050



Michael Fiato
Head of School

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January 13, 2022

Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent
Lowell Public Schools
155 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Re: Cuisine & Culture of Southern Italy

Dear Dr. Boyd:

I am requesting permission for Susan Brassard and a group of Lowell High School students to travel on an international trip named **Rome & Sorrento, Italy**, during the school vacation week in February of 2023. I am anticipating up to 18 students' total. The travel arrangements are being handled by EF Tours, an organization frequently used in the planning of other international trips with Lowell High School. Per the EF Tours policy, one chaperone will be assigned to every six student travelers.

The trip will include a focus on the cuisine and culture of Southern Italy including Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri, and Naples.. Students will be exposed to many sightseeing locations in Rome, including the Colosseum, Forum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Patheon, Catacombs, and Pompeii ruins, a boat cruise in Capri, and a pizza-making class in Naples. A custom excursion in Rome has been added:

Rome Catacombs

Explore the mysterious world buried beneath Rome since the 2nd century. Christian burial grounds and priceless relics abound, and the art that lines the walls is world-class. Afterward, journey down the ancient Appian Way to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall.

The only cost to the school department will potentially be substitute coverage for chaperones Susan Brassard and any additional teacher chaperones needed if student travelers exceed 24 enrolled travelers on Friday, February 17th or Monday, February 27, 2023. This will be dependent upon the flight scheduling, and EF Tours is aware that scheduling cannot conflict with the Thursday school schedule. Two additional bib-teacher adult chaperones include Cassandra Johnson and Brianna Heughins (CORI completed).

Student Costs: Pricing Information

- **Enrollment Fee \$95** – locks in the price for students, included in program fee.
- **Program Fee \$3,220** (this includes round-trip airfare, ground transportation, EF tour director, daily breakfast and dinner, all entrance fees and local guides; travelers will be responsible for their lunch, daily); includes Group Travel Insurance; tips will be the responsibility of the group.
- **Transportation to/from Logan Airport** –To be determined through local bus transportation, divided by the number of students attending, and no cost to the school department.

Covid 19 Compliance Policies:

- All Travelers will be required to comply with the vaccine requirements for Italy.
- All Travelers will be required to show a negative Covid-19 no less than 72 hours before scheduled departure.
- All Travelers will be required to sign a Covid-19 Safe Traveler Agreement 30 days before the scheduled departure with the most current policies;
- All travelers will be required to have their Covid-19 vaccination cards with them as required by airline and other travel organizations.
- Any travelers who test positive for Covid-19 while traveling will be provided with lodging, meals, medical treatment, and flights home if needed.
- These policies will be updated with travelers and guardians consistently through group communications as data remains fluid.
- Any questions regarding Covid-19 policies can be directed to the ER Tours consultant, Casey Youngetob at: casey.youngetob@ef.com or 617-619-2449.

The trip complies with the Massachusetts Curriculum Standards:

Standard 1: Culture. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the culture studied through history, literature, and the arts.

Standard 2: Communities. Students will use languages other than English beyond the school setting.

Standard 3: Demonstrate active listening skills. Listen attentively and respectfully to others. Focus attentively, make eye contact or other affirming gestures, confirm understanding and follow directions.

Standard 4: Professionalism. Demonstrate attendance and punctuality. Identify and practice professional time-management and attendance behaviors including punctuality, reliability, planning and flexibility.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Michael Fiato
Head of School

LHS Field Trip Request Form
(Must be turned in 4 weeks in advance)

A trip is considered an official Lowell High School Field Trip when it is connected to any LHS class, student activity, club, sport or special program whether they occur on a school day or on a weekend.

Name of Staff Member making the request: Susan L. Brassard Date of Request: _____

Class or group attending: LHS Students Description of field trip and how it relates to the curriculum:

Rome and Sorrento, Italy international tour. The tour package includes Roman Colosseum, Vatican City, Catacombs, Pompeii Ruins, Capri boat cruise, and Naples pizza Making class.

Date of Trip: 2/18/23 Time of Departure: TBD Time of Return: 2/25/23 In state ☒ out of state

No. of Students: 18+ No. of Chaperones: 3 Type and number of vehicles: N/A Approx. Mileage N/A

There should be at least one chaperone for every 20 students. Names and cell-phone numbers for chaperones:

Cassandra Johnson 978-424-6550, Brianna Heughins 978-855-6577
other chaperones will be added if students increase over 18 anticipated

No. of substitutes requested 1 Coverage is needed for ☒ Full Day (OR) ☐ Specific Periods (list) _____

Charges to Student
(per person)

Charges to School Department
(per person)

Covered by other Funding
(specify grant or other source)

Transportation: _____

Entry Fees: _____

Meals: _____

Other: _____

\$3,220 per student cost

Please list any previous field trips you have taken this school year by date and description:

None

You are required to meet the following conditions:

- Obtain parental and teacher permission
- Provide a list to Data Processing of students attending (48 hours prior to the field trip)
- Meet all requirements of the field trip site you are going to
- File a post-trip report to your department chair and the Head of School if requested
- Ensure that students have a post-field trip instructional follow-up if the field trip is classroom-based and academic in nature
- Arrange for students to be returned to LHS or home

Reviewed by Department Chair: [Signature]

Date: 9-13-21

Approved by Head of School: [Signature]

Date: 9-14-21

Lowell Public Schools:
OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP CHECKLIST

The School Committee recognizes that first-hand learning experiences provided by field trips are a most effective and worthwhile means of learning. It is the desire of the Committee to encourage field trips as an integral part of the program of the schools.

Specific guidelines and appropriate administrative procedures shall be developed to screen, approve and evaluate trips and to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken for the safety of the participants. These guidelines and appropriate administrative procedures shall ensure that all field trips have the approval of the Head of School and that all overnight trips have the prior approval of appropriate Administrative level.

Approval of the School Committee must be granted prior to money being collected, arrangements being made, or parental consent being issued for all overnight field trips.

The following guidelines are set to implement the planning of field trips as part of, and directly related to, classroom learning activities. All guidelines must be included in the request.

- ☒ The application for approval for an overnight field trip which requires students to miss a day or more of school must include written justification from the teacher proposing the trip.
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- ☒ The application for approval for an overnight field trip must include an itemization of all costs associated with the trip and the funding source.
- ☐ All proposed field trips must have the approval of the school building administrator.
- ☒ All day trips must be within budgetary allotments for such purpose and be approved by the superintendent. Any trip, for which there is no budget allotment, must have advance approval of the School Committee.
- ☒ Each student who goes on a field trip must have written parental permission.
- ☒ Enough supervision must be provided so that discipline on the trip is effective.
- ☒ All trips must be well planned, properly timed, and related to regular learning activities.
- ☒ All Chaperones/other adults MUST be coried. Please list chaperones that are attending:

Cassandra Johnson, Brianna Heughins,
Others TBP as needed based on enrollment

Signature of Head of School: MJS

Date: 9/15/21

Signature of Central Administrator: _____

Date: _____

September 13, 2021

Michael Fiato
Head of School
Lowell High School
50 Father Morissette Blvd.
Lowell, MA 01852

Dear Mr. Fiato,

I am requesting permission to travel with a group of Lowell High School students on an international trip named **Rome & Sorrento, Italy**, during the school vacation week in February of 2023. I am anticipating up to 18-24 students but can accept up to 40 total students. EF Tours is handling the travel arrangements; an organization frequently used to plan other international trips with Lowell High School. Per the EF Tours policy, one chaperone will be assigned to every six student travelers.

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International Travel Program Proposal

Lowell High School / Susan Brassard



Rome and Sorrento - February 2023

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EF Education First is the world leader in international education. For over 55 years, we've partnered with educators around the world to help more than 15 million students gain new perspectives and build skills for the future through experiential learning.

Our mission is to empower educators to do their best work. At EF Educational Tours, we're working to define the modern educational tour experience. Our itineraries are more than places to go and things to see. We build programs that challenge assumptions, spark connections, and inspire curiosity in young students. Students will expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, grow more confident and independent, and understand new people, places, and cultures.

We take care of every last detail of the tour experience—transportation and lodging, meal reservations and menus, museum tickets and local tour guides, and much more. That also includes behind-the-scenes elements, like safety checks at hotels and background checks on adult travelers. With all that taken care of, educators and students can focus on the bigger picture.

You'll find all the details and more on the next few pages.

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Safety

Your students' safety is our number one priority. We would never send a traveler to a location we believe to be unsafe—and with our extensive global presence, our best-in-the-industry experience, and our close working relationships with U.S. and international authorities, that's a statement we can back up with real insight. Whether it's a worldwide pandemic or a sprained ankle, a missed flight or confusing medical paperwork, we make sure every situation is taken care of.

***For specific information on EF's response to COVID-19, visit [eftours.com/covid](https://www.eftours.com/covid)**

Worldwide presence

EF's global presence is truly unmatched. We have staff on the ground 365 days a year in over 50 countries. And we don't just work in those countries—we call them home. EF team members live in nearly every one of our tour destinations, meaning we have the local knowledge to help keep our groups safe. That presence allows us to be there to support you on the ground wherever and whenever you need us.

24/7 emergency support

In the event that anything on tour goes wrong, EF staff is always available to help. Your Tour Director is your group's constant companion and first point of contact in an emergency. Additionally, our fully trained support teams are on hand 24/7 to walk teachers through any issues and provide the resources necessary to get things back on track. Our Safety and Incident Response Team—comprised of industry experts, healthcare experts, and even former FBI personnel—is ready to spring into action 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And when they aren't directly helping EF travelers, they're actively innovating on and shaping the new worldwide standards for cleanliness and safety.

Your team

This group is fully committed to your school's trip and the safety of every traveler.

Operations Safety & Incident Response Team – This team is strategically based in our Boston, Panama, Tokyo, and Zurich offices to accommodate for all time zones. Available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, they are trained to react quickly if travelers need help. The team uses a combination of extensive training, simulations, incident response planning, and previous experience to manage emergencies. As needed, they can facilitate additional support for groups on tour, solve operational issues, arrange assistance from outside specialists, and liaise with local and international authorities.

Emergency Services & Support Team – Our support team is available 24/7 to help resolve any issue, from a missed flight to a lost passport to more serious on-tour incidents. They also facilitate communication between travelers and families in the event of an emergency at home. The team is made up of highly trained and dedicated EF staff in our Boston and Denver offices who are equipped to solve problems and answer questions that may come up, even outside of regular business hours.

Tour Director – Assigned exclusively to your tour for the length of the stay at your destination, your Tour Director meets your group at the airport and travels with you until your departure. All Tour Directors undergo a background check as permissible by local law every two years and are required to participate in ongoing EF safety trainings. They're the first point of contact in an emergency and also communicate information to help travelers stay safe in a foreign destination. Tour Directors assist Group Leaders with hotel check-ins, coordinate meals, facilitate excursions with local guides, and much more. They're also culturally connected and expertly trained to support impactful learning experiences.

Tour Consultant – This itinerary expert is devoted to the growth of your students. They are your school's partner, working with you on everything from finding the perfect tour and enrolling students to offering fundraising advice and creating long-term travel programs for your school community. They work directly alongside the Group Leader (a.k.a. local teacher), right up until the moment of departure to make sure everything goes smoothly.

Traveler Support – Our team of support specialists are readily available to walk families through insurance inquiries, payment plans, food allergy issues, and any other topics that arise.

Chaperones – For every six travelers who enroll on your school's tour, your group is eligible to bring along a chaperone for free (the first spot goes to the Group Leader). This allows for a 6:1 ratio of students to chaperones, who assist Group Leaders with supervision of students to help keep them safe.

Protection for travelers, schools, and districts

We understand that unpredictable things can happen, either on tour or before departure. We offer a variety of protections, programs, and policies to make sure that, no matter what happens, travelers, schools, and districts are covered. We're doing everything we can to make planning for the future as flexible as possible.

General liability insurance

All Group Leaders, schools, and districts who travel with EF are automatically added as additional insureds under our **\$50 million General Liability Policy**, regardless of whether or not the tour is affiliated with the school. EF's liability coverage is primary and non-contributory for covered third-party claims. The policy helps safeguard Group Leaders and their schools for covered third-party claims related to bodily injury or property damage, which includes providing a legal defense and covering legal costs for such claims. In addition, all travelers are required to sign EF's Release and Agreement, which includes a release of liability of their Group Leader, school, and school board.

Flexibility to change tours

The world is always changing. And while our belief in the positive impact of travel is unwavering, it can feel hard to predict what life, here in the U.S. and abroad, will look like several months, a year, or even two years from now. When you decide to travel with EF, we want you to feel secure in that decision. That's why these benefits are built into every EF program.

Peace of Mind

Provided to all groups

We understand that plans can change due to unforeseen circumstances. EF provides this exclusive program to account for such situations. It provides groups with flexibility to change the dates and destination of their tours in uncertain times. This program accounts for such circumstances and can be enacted up to 45 days prior to departure at the group level for any reason, including terrorism or other world events.

COVID Peace of Mind

Provided to all groups

In addition to our standard Peace of Mind Program, EF provides an exclusive COVID-19 Peace of Mind Program to account for situations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is automatically included for all travelers and can be enacted up to 45 days prior to departure at the group level, while specific options can be implemented at the individual level.

COVID Care Promise

Provided to all groups

If your child is diagnosed with COVID-19 while on tour, we will coordinate and facilitate support services and logistics including translation services, connections with local health care providers, communication with family, and flights home at no additional cost.

Protection for individual travelers

Travelers can help protect their investment and themselves from certain unexpected events and expenses while on tour with the Global Travel Protection Plan and Global Travel Protection Plan Plus.

Global Travel Protection Plan

Available to all travelers

Designed specifically with EF travelers in mind, this plan provides both pre-departure and post-departure benefits, including medical expense coverage that may apply on tour and tour cancellation for specified reasons.

Global Travel Protection Plan Plus

Available to all travelers

To further protect your investment from the unexpected, this plan provides all of the benefits included in the Global Travel Protection Plan as well as expanded cancellation protection.

Background checks for adult travelers

EF requires all adults (18 years and older) to pass a criminal background check before traveling on our student tours. This provides a safer tour experience for all travelers and aligns with the process and expectations of many school districts for adults who volunteer in schools or chaperone school activities. The secure process, provided by a leading professional provider, only identifies those individuals who could present a risk to student travelers while on tour.

Affordability

We believe every student should have the opportunity to travel. That's why we're dedicated to providing the lowest prices possible and giving travelers multiple resources for managing payments.

Tour Consultants work closely with teachers to build a tour that's exactly right for your students. Through discussions with your teacher, they take into account learning objectives, cost, timing considerations, and any other factors to craft a tour that's accessible to as many students as possible.

Resources for managing cost and payments

Automatic Payment Plan – Our recommended payment plan offers the ability to break the tour fee into smaller installments. With most tours planned well in advance, travelers can enroll for only \$95, then pay over a long period of time—often up to 18 months or two years—with final payment due 30 days before departure. Families make payments directly to EF, with no payments going through the school.

Donation pages – Each student has access to their own unique and customizable donation page. The easy-to-share page makes it simple for friends and family to contribute a little something that is automatically applied to the balance of the tour, with no fees whatsoever.

Global Citizen Scholarship Fund – EF Educational Tours provides \$100,000 worth of scholarships to students across the country every year. Any student is able to apply for the Global Citizen Scholarship, which is awarded on both a merit and need basis.

Risk-free enrollment period – When a new traveler signs up for a tour traveling in 2023 by November 1, 2021 with EF's Automatic Payment Plan or by Paying in Full, the travel has the option to cancel their tour for any reason before February 1, 2022 and EF will refund 100% of the money paid in.

Educational value

Our tours help prepare students for the future by teaching them more about the world, themselves, and the impact they can have on the world. Combining the power of experiential learning with the thrill of global travel, our tours help students:

- Expand their knowledge of the world around them
- Grow more confident and independent
- Understand new people, places, and cultures
- Discover more about themselves

EF is an accredited institution

We echo your commitment to education. Our travel-based learning approach is designed to blend classroom and experiential learning. This allows us to meet the same rigorous standards as schools like yours, ensuring students gain valuable experiences that transform the way they look at the world.



Earning credit for new experiences

EF makes it easy for students to turn their tour experience into college credit, or to get a head start on their college essays—all while making their travel experience even more engaging.

- Students in grades 9—12 can earn 3.0 undergraduate credits, along with the confidence that comes with taking a college course, by completing a series of assignments and a final research project with our partner, Southern New Hampshire University—all for just \$215.
- Educators traveling on student tours may earn up to 45 free hours toward relicensure OR 3 or 6 graduate level credits (\$285/\$450) through Southern New Hampshire University.

Itinerary specifics

For more robust details, the complete itinerary is attached to this document. It includes specific locations, each day's activities, travel plans, and more.

Price of the proposed tour

The tour program price covers a wide range of services that ensure students have an incredible experience. It includes all the planning and preparation that leads up to departure, travel and accommodations, plus logistical support and details once the group reaches their destination.

Price details

Rome and Sorrento

Program Price* 1 \$3,195

Includes

- Round-trip airfare and on-tour transportation
- Hotels with private bathrooms
- Breakfast and dinner (see your itinerary for meal details)
- Full-time Tour Director
- Daily activities, tours and entrances to attractions

Roman Catacombs \$60

Global Travel Protection \$165

Early Enrollment Discount -\$200

EF's Peace of Mind Program * Free

Total for Students (under 20) \$3,220

17 monthly payments \$184/mo

Adult Supplement 2 \$400

Total for Adults \$3,620

17 monthly payments \$208/mo

*Program price valid for today. Change and cancellation fees of up to the total price will apply. Applicable airline baggage fees are not included and can be found at efcours.com/baggage. All prices subject to verification by an EF Tour Consultant. To view EF's Booking Conditions, visit efcours.com/bc. Some destinations may require a pre-travel insecticide treatment for in-bound foreign flights. Such destinations can be found at efcours.com/insecticide.

* Adult supplement required for travelers age 20 and older at the time of travel.

* We understand that plans sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. EF's Peace of Mind Program allows your entire group to change your tour or departure date. Your group can feel secure during your trip, knowing that your plans are flexible.

Travel arrangements for 2020 travel itineraries are subject to change. Please call for more details.

Quote created on 9/9/2021

Sample hotels

Every hotel we work with must meet our high standards for safety, quality, and cleanliness. Hotels are vetted by our team to make sure they meet our requirements and are subsequently inspected regularly to ensure they continue to satisfy those parameters. Please note that hotels abroad may have different amenities than travelers are accustomed to in the United States.

Here are some examples of hotels students might stay in on tour:

Grand Hotel Helio Cabala | Rome

www.heliocabala.it

Grand Hotel Helio Cabala is in Marino on the slopes of Mount Crescenzo overlooking Rome and the Lazio coast. Set at the start of the Castelli Romani, the hills around Rome, Helio Cabala is a 10-minute drive from Ciampino Airport and 4 kilometers from Lake Albano. Rome is easily reached by train. Rooms at Helio Cabala Grand Hotel come with satellite TV and a fridge.

Hotel Excel Ciampino | Rome

www.excelciampino.it

The Hotel Excel Ciampino is located approximately 12 miles southeast of Rome in the Castelli Romani region, once a favorite destination for popes and patrician families. The hotel, which consists of two adjacent buildings, features beautiful gardens for guests to enjoy. Each of the hotel's 79 elegant rooms includes satellite television, telephone, hair dryer and free Wi-Fi access.

Sample meals

Meals are selected to establish a more immersive cultural experience and give students an idea of how locals eat. Below are some examples of what travelers can expect at the destination that your teacher has chosen, but please note that meals can vary from tour to tour.



Italy: Sample Meals

Tomato bruschetta, cannellini beans with garlic and sage, lasagna, gelato
Spaghetti with pesto, pork loin with spinach and potatoes, fruit salad

How I can help with next steps

My name is Casey Youngentob and I am Lowell High School's dedicated Tour Consultant. That means I'll be working with Susan Brassard every step of the way to make sure everything is perfectly planned.

As we move forward in this process, here are some next steps to keep in mind:

- Select date for parent/student informational meeting
- Promote trip and collect RSVPs leading up to the informational meeting
- Hold informational meeting and open enrollment

I hope this overview has given you the information you need to feel confident in EF as an educational travel provider. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly. EF is excited to partner with your school to bring this life-changing experiential learning opportunity to your students.

Sincerely,
Casey Youngentob

Casey.Youngentob@EF.com

Call/text: 617-619-2449

"I am now more confident than ever in the safety and experiences of my students after working with EF on this trip. As a leader, I am committed to ensuring a global mindset throughout my district and student/teacher travel."

Angela M., Administrator, Brunswick, ME

"I advocate for travel because the world is vast and diverse. If we want to truly understand our neighbors in other states or countries, we must reach out and meet them where they live. Travel provides a glimpse into another world that our students may have Googled or watched on a device, but living it with the smells, food, smiles, and various challenges teaches flexibility, tolerance, understanding, and empathy."

- Chuck C., Group Leader, Central, SC

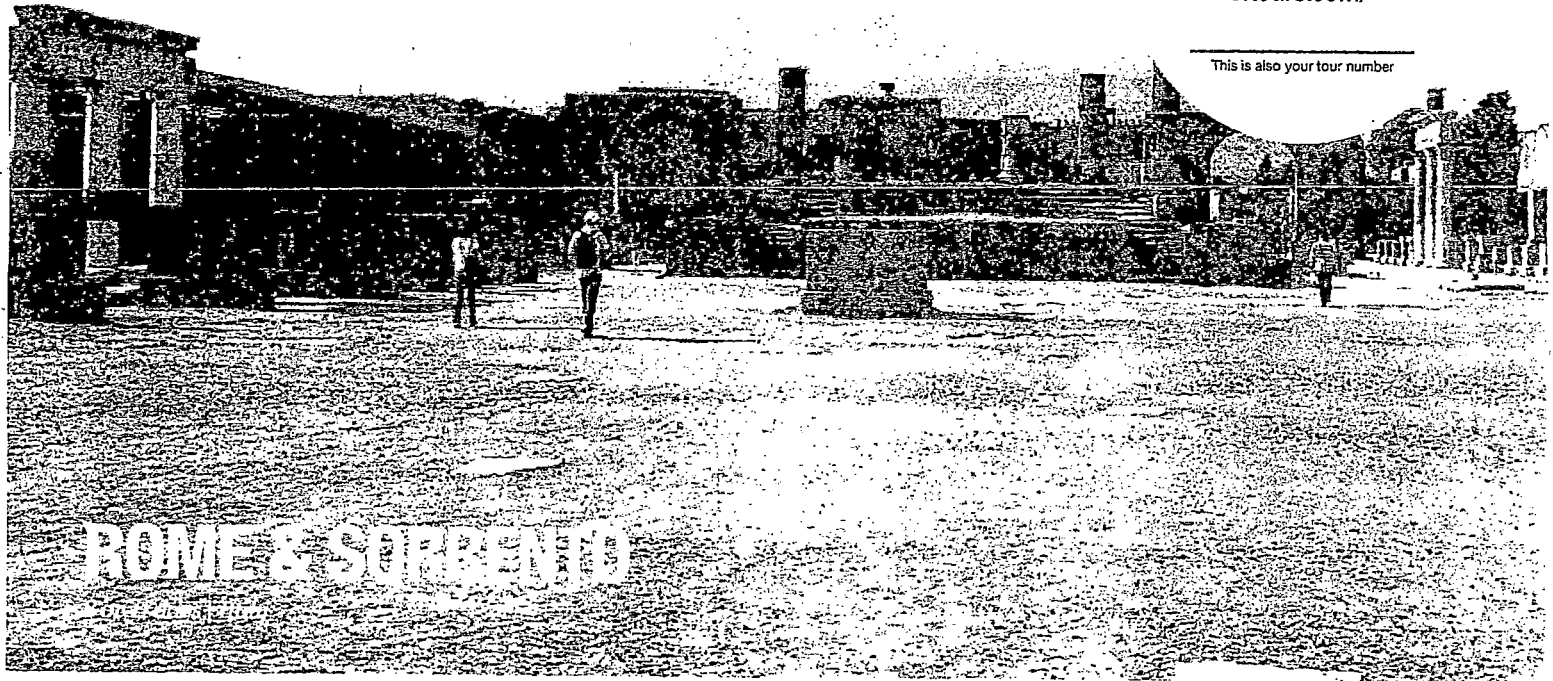
From a single tour to a whole program

A single tour can open up endless possibilities for a small group of students. Our goal at EF is to bring that experience to as many students as possible, including the broadest collection of students at your school. By progressing from a single tour to a consistent travel program, you'll not only build a culture of exploration, but you'll provide the opportunity of travel to even more students. We can work directly with you and your staff to establish a framework for your travel program that's tailored specifically to your school's needs and goals.

Watch videos, read
reviews and enroll on your
teacher's Tour Website

eftours.com/






This is also your tour number

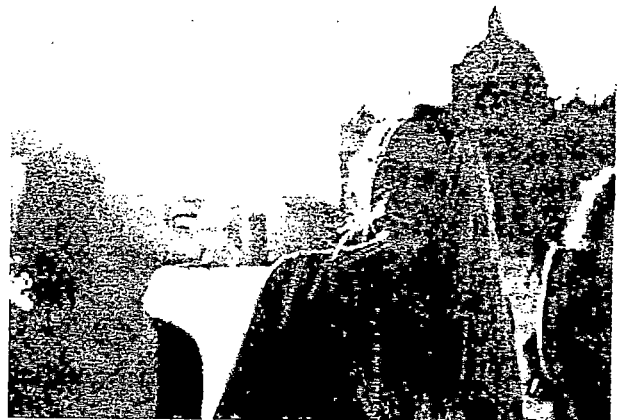


ROME & SORRENTO

In Rome and Pompeii, your imagination doesn't have to work hard to take you back to ancient times. From the 2,000-year-old Colosseum to the houses lining Pompeii's perfectly preserved streets, history has been frozen in time. Your passage through the centuries continues under the gilded archways of St. Peter's Cathedral in Vatican City and in the natural beauty of Capri.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  Full-time Tour Director
-  Sightseeing: 5 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (6 with extension)
-  Entrances: Colosseum; Roman Forum; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Pompeii Roman Ruins; Capri boat cruise; pizza-making class
-  weShare, our online platform that taps into each student's interests for a more engaging learning experience
-  All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (9 with extension); European breakfast and dinner daily



Anyone can see the world.

YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

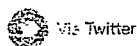
And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our online learning platform, *weShare*, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. *Expert local guides* will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

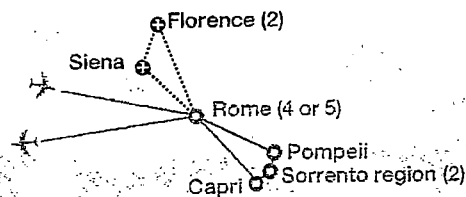
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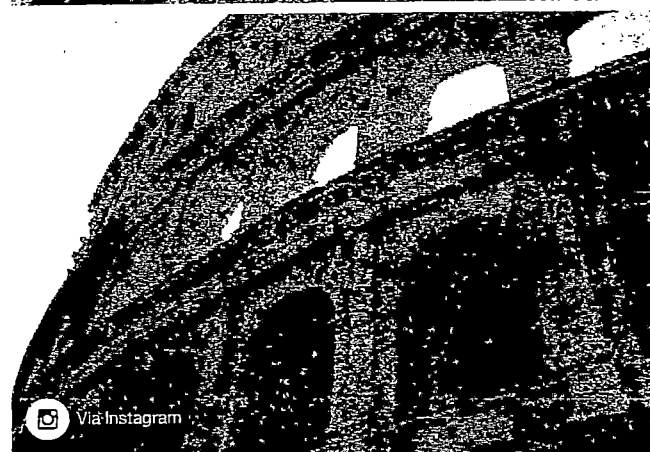
CHECK OUT WHAT A TOUR IS ALL ABOUT

Watch the videos at
eftours.com/

Your teacher's Tour Website



This tour may be reversed



Via Instagram

What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Italy

Day 2: Rome

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Rome, a city that integrates its past into the present better than any other. During your stay, explore the world's most famous arena, the Colosseum, where you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat. Nearby, the Roman Forum marks the former heart of the Roman Empire. Julius Caesar gave many of his great political speeches there. On your visit to the Vatican City, marvel at Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and look out for the colorful uniforms of the Swiss Guard, protectors of the Vatican City. Before you say "arrivederci," toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City.

Day 3: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Rome
- Visit the Colosseum
- Visit the Roman Forum
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome: Trevi Fountain; Pantheon; Piazza Navona; Spanish Steps

Day 4: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Vatican City. On your sightseeing tour, look for the papal protectors who flank the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica: they're the highly trained soldiers of Vatican City's Pontifical Swiss Guard. Inside, pass under gilded archways lofted hundreds of feet off the ground before heading to visit the saint's tomb. Then, experience the Sistine Chapel's breathtaking domed ceiling. From Michelangelo's frescos to Raphael's tapestries, Pope Sixtus IV commissioned the masters of the day to cover nearly every inch of the Chapel in art depicting important Biblical scenes. For a very special keepsake, drop a postcard in the mail before you go, complete with a stamp from the world's smallest country.
- Visit the Sistine Chapel
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica
- Time to explore on your own or
 - ◆ Visit the Roman Catacombs

Day 5: Pompeii | Sorrento region

- Travel to Pompeii Ruins. Once a city of ancient prosperity, many wealthy Romans established their homes here thousands of years ago. When neighboring Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79, it cloaked the Roman resort in volcanic ash, perfectly preserving the minutiae of daily life. The buildings and artifacts left behind make this one of the richest archaeological sites in the world. See the fully excavated ruins of the town's ancient temples, forum and theatre. Of Pompeii's three bathhouses, the Stabian Baths was the largest complex. Learn about their ingenious heating method—one of the earliest examples of its kind—that brought hot water to visitors.

- Take an expertly guided tour of Pompeii
- Visit the Pompeii Roman Ruins
- Continue on to the Sorrento region

Day 6: Sorrento region | Capri

- Travel to Capri
- Take an expertly guided tour of Capri
- Take a boat cruise

Day 7: Sorrento region | Rome

- Travel to Naples.
- Participate in a pizza-making class.
- Return to Rome.

Day 8: Depart for home

◆ 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 8: Florence

- Travel via Siena to Florence

Day 9: Florence

- Take an expertly guided tour of Florence: Piazza della Signoria; Ponte Vecchio; Chiesa di Santa Croce; Gates of Paradise; Duomo
- Time to explore on your own or
 - ◆ Visit Pisa

Day 10: Florence | Rome

- Enjoy free time in Florence
- Return to Rome

Day 11: Depart for home



Last day in Italy. I'm gonna miss you. #eftours #trevifountain

– JOSEPH, TRAVELER



Via Instagram

The tour gave a great overview of Rome and Sorrento. We got enough of a taste of all of Rome. Capri was a good one-day trip and Sorrento was a nice stop.

– THOMAS, TRAVELER



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2. _____
3. _____

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2004



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REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL DAY(S) TO ATTEND A
WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE/FIELD TRIP/ACTIVITY

ALLOW 4 WEEKS FOR PROCESSING

(6 WEEKS IF SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVAL IS NEEDED)

~~Please fill out all provided fields to avoid any delays of the approval process~~

REMIT TO: CURRICULUM OFFICE

Name of Staff Member: Susan L. Brassard
School Lowell High School Grade Level: 9-12 Subject: Culinary Arts
Workshop Title: Rome and Sorrento, Italy
Organization/Department Presenting Workshop: EF Tours Cost: \$
Date(s) of Workshop: 2/18/2023 - 2/25/2023
Substitute Coverage Needed? No Yes (Please circle one)

If Para is to serve as the coverage, indicate Para's name here: _____

In State ()

* Out of State ☒

* Overnight ☒

(Please ☒ one)

** Letter to the Superintendent of Out of State/Overnight attached **

Signature of Applicant: [Signature] Date: _____

Signature of Approval by Principal: [Signature] Date: 9/15/21

** Please provide source of funding, account number and/or grant name, and number for workshop and substitute **

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Initials of Approval Department</u>
Title I School			
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Individual School Fund #			
Professional Development District			
SPED			
Other Grants/Programs (Provide Grant/Program Name & No.)			

Signature of Central Administrator: _____ Date: _____

Sub Reserved: _____ Date: _____

Request Denied by: _____ Date: _____

* A letter to the Superintendent for all out-of-state or overnight activities is required at the time the Liliac Form is submitted and the "completed package" is to be sent to the Lowell Teacher Academy for processing.